INK RATIONING BASED ON PAGE COMPOSITION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The print content is received and parsed to determine if different priority levels have been assigned to any section of the content. If any section of the content has been assigned a priority level, an ink rationing process is invoked. The manner in which the content is printed depends on the ink supply level and the priority assigned to each section. If the ink supply level is low and a particular section has been assigned a low priority, that section is printed in grayscale or degraded in some other way that uses less ink. Other higher priority sections of the content are printed in normal mode.